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COMMUNITY REPORT
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BAHRAINI entrepreneur Yaqoob Mubarak, whose efforts to help a Peruvian student have made him a humanitarian icon in South America, is due to present a letter from the Peruvian Congress to Bahrain's Parliament opening diplomatic relations between the two countries.

Yaqoob was in Argentina, meeting with the Leo Messi Foundation to co-ordinate efforts with his own charity and the Royal Charity Foundation (RCF), and invite famous footballer Lionel Messi to Bahrain during Ramadan, when Covid-19 lockdowns in the region began.

The 33-year-old philanthropist told *Gulf Weekly*: "I was able to make it to Peru, but was then quarantined."

"As the days turned into weeks, the lockdown kept getting extended. I missed my family a lot, but with my friend Gilberto (Rosas Landa) with me, we kept going. During this time, we kept getting messages on my *Instagram* asking for help from all over the country."

"If you can imagine, the unemployment jumped from around five per cent to nearly 20pc. So we started contacting local companies to put together a kit of food and medical supplies. Fairly soon, we had 10,000 kits and that's when the government contacted us."



Gilberto and Yaqoob with Manuel

"They had heard about our efforts online and extended the full support of the government."

"Over the next five months, while the country was in lockdown, members of the army accompanied us all over the country as we distributed almost 100,000 baskets, each of which contained food rations, face masks and other necessities."

"We were tested at least once-a-week and, fortunately, did not contract the virus ourselves."

"Many others, especially those in Lima, were not so lucky, as cases spiked across the country."

"We felt fortunate to be able to help those affected, as well as those who had lost their jobs as a result of the restrictions and, at the same time, help people learn more about Bahrain."

The duo also assisted in the construction of large kitchens in more than 20 villages, where food for the entire community could be prepared.

As a result of their efforts, Yaqoob and Gilberto were invited to Peru's Congress.



Yaqoob in the field

They met with Manuel Merino, president of the Congress, who learned how to put on a ghutra, the traditional Arab head dress.

He also expressed an interest in exploring diplomatic, economic and cultural relations with Bahrain, presenting Yaqoob with an official 'letter of intent' for Bahrain's Parliament.

"Several entrepreneurs in Peru have also expressed

an interest in investing in Bahrain," Yaqoob added, "We ourselves plan to open a restaurant in Peru and find new fans for the Bahraini flavours of machboos and ouzi."

"A portion of the profits from the enterprise would continue to help any families or children in need."

As previously reported by *Gulf Weekly*, Yaqoob first travelled to South America last year to help Victor Cordova after receiving a

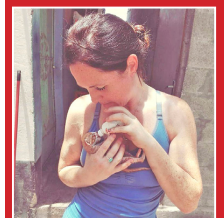
viral video of the Peruvian student doing homework, from his friend, Gilberto.

Since then, Yaqoob has been helping families and children in need across South America, becoming a social media icon of Arab generosity and humanitarian aid in Peru and Colombia.

In recognition of their efforts, Yaqoob and Gilberto were invited earlier this year to meet Shaikh Nasser bin Hamad Al Khalifa, His Majesty King Hamad's Representative for Humanitarian Work and Youth Affairs, National Security Adviser and Supreme Council for Youth and Sports Affairs (SCYS) chairman.

Yaqoob and Gilberto are now in the process of setting up an official foundation to collect funds and channel them to those in need across South America. Yaqoob also hopes to be part of the diplomatic mission between his homeland and the land that has adopted him.

For updates and more of Yaqoob's adventures, follow @yaqoob_mubarak87 on Instagram.



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Help the strays!

THE Bahrain Animal Rescue Centre (BARC) has launched an SOS community appeal to help abandoned animals stranded on the island due to Covid-19, as well as the hundreds of cats and dogs in need at the shelter.

The centre, currently located in Saar, is home to almost 600 dogs and cats born on the streets of Bahrain, abandoned or found injured and afraid.

Scottish singer Sandi Thom started building the new shelter in Hamala in January 2019 in memory of Tony the Dogfather who devoted his



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life to saving strays. With the support of the community, 85 per cent of the shelter has been completed. However, the centre and its four-legged residents are still in need of support to complete the premises as well as to help animals reach their fur-ever homes abroad.

"Since Covid began, the shelter has been affected like many other organisations and businesses," said Sandi, its chairwoman and voluntary manager.

"However, being a charity organisation, sadly, there is no relief fund for us.

Nonetheless, we have continued to keep our doors open to any and all animals that needed our help during the pandemic.

"BARC is the biggest shelter now on the island, home to almost 600 animals, in foster and outside in paid kennels as well. So for all that we are doing to serve the community, we're asking for the community to help us

through this difficult time."

BARC is in need of foster homes, extra food (dry and wet), funding to complete the new shelter and sponsorship of kennel residents who are being housed outside due to lack of space.

"Many people sadly had to surrender their pets before leaving the island, while others were just left at the gate," said the multi-platinum selling singer-songwriter and multi-instrumentalist who lives in Saar.

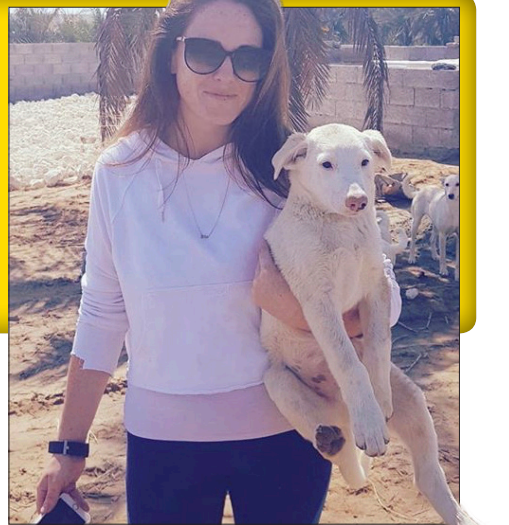
"Flights were grounded leaving almost 50 dogs, adopted internationally, unable to travel to their new homes."

Sandi and BARC have created long lasting relationships with adoption groups in Canada and the UK and have rehomed many dogs and cats.

"These dogs and cats need us," said the animal activist. "We had to take a smaller premises as well as the current site to try to economically find a place for so many more needy animals. "You can support us by fostering one of the dogs due to travel, by helping us finish the new shelter or even by being a part of one of our controlled events such as Cuddle Day."

Also, those that wish to donate to help complete the shelter can visit the *gofundme* page set up by Sandi and animal rescuer Kennedy Crawford. The animals will move to the new purpose-built, eco-friendly, sustainable and hygienic shelter once it's complete by the end of the year.

Sandi said: "Once BARC is up and running at its new location, our Trap, Neuter, Release (TNR) programme will be in full effect and I may look towards helping other parts of the



Sandi comforting a scared stray

Middle East set up much-needed shelters."

Sandi added that once everything starts running smoothly, she will be leaving Bahrain at the end of the year and returning to Scotland.

"Running this shelter takes a lot of heart and a lot of head," she said. "It is a daily dance of trying to pay for everything, while making sure it doesn't bury us financially, and taking in animals versus those who are adopted."

"Now we are tracking strays, storing data chip numbers and building

working constantly every day, I feel I can hand over the reins to my wonderful team of volunteers. All relationships that I have built will ensure that international adoptions continue."

Sandi also hopes to use the framework she created with BARC to set up shelters in other countries.

She aims to launch the Animal Rescue Centre (ARC) foundation and a shelter for stray dogs of Puerto Rico in California.

"ARC is an organisation I plan to start in the coming months," said Sandi.

"BARC is the blueprint of many shelters to come. I want to replicate that worldwide by building shelters in countries that desperately need it. I have poured my heart and soul into BARC and have learned so much. Now I finally see it working seamlessly and I know that we've built something that will last!"

Sandi is also recording her seventh album, *Wanderlust*, which is inspired by her time in Bahrain. She has released a music video of the new version of her Punk Rocker song filmed in Bahrain on *Instagram @sandi_thom* and on *YouTube*.

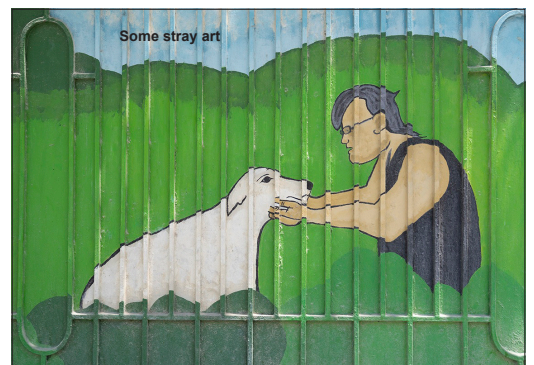
According to Sandi, the album is going to be an exciting blend of pop music with Middle Eastern undertones.



Scan the QR code to visit the BARC gofundme page

prototypes for feeding stations. I want to see the dream in my head come into fruition. It has been hard at times and that's not to mention juggling my own life and career as well. But I and all of my team who are steadfast in this journey have turned our wounds into wisdom and we are strong.

"After three years of



Some stray art

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NORTHSTAR TECHNOLOGY

Back to school

The American School of Bahrain (ASB) welcomed students to its brand-new state-of-the-art campus on Monday, in accordance with instructions from the Ministries of Education and Health, writes Naman Arora.

ASB, part of the Esol Education global group of schools, is introducing technology-enabled classrooms, cutting-edge pedagogy and a 21st

century advanced learning approach, whilst prioritising students' wellbeing.

Dave McMaster, founding director of the school, said: "A collective and unified effort has never been more important than it is today. We are confident that the ASB community will start our inaugural school year positively and successfully and face all challenges with determination as we embark together on our journey of

educational excellence."

Every day at ASB, masks are required, in addition to a 1.5m social distancing restriction, indicated by stickers placed throughout the school.

Every student, staff and visitor must undergo mandatory temperature screening before entering any building, classroom or bus. Anyone showing symptoms will be denied entry and will be required to



follow the school's Covid-19 exposure protocol.

On entrance, students will be divided into four groups and further into smaller pods, to ensure

safe conditions and aid in contact tracing in the event of a positive Covid-19 case.

All classrooms, equipment and toilets are disinfected after each use and the school is using technology to minimise contact through paper.

The school is also using Zoom, Google Classroom, Seesaw and PowerSchool for students to complete assessments and attend classes via live broadcast, while helping parents stay updated on their child's academic progress.

In addition, the school is

offering emotional support through its counsellors, principal and teachers to help parents and students maintain their wellbeing during the current situation.

Dave added: "It is crucial, now more than ever, to ensure that health and safety is not compromised in efforts to continue daily life. Although this generation of children is experiencing unprecedented times and has faced many challenges as a result, we are committed to providing a sense of 'normal' in the safest way possible."

Pet care a touch away

START-UP REPORT
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An animal-loving couple have launched two mobile applications that aim to revolutionise how pets are cared for in the kingdom.

When Louay Malas and his wife Dina Elhifnawi adopted a dog three years ago, they had a hard time travelling together as they didn't want to leave their fur baby behind in a kennel, which is a dilemma many pet owners end up facing at some point in time.

Some pet owners even feel guilty for spending too much time out of the house at work and away from their four-legged family members.

Louay, a 29-year-old architect and project manager living in Amwaj Islands, said: "We simply did not want to leave our pets at a kennel. Kennels are expensive, pets are left in cages, they



Babysitting bunnies

could get sick and pets need affection all the time.

"One day, our neighbour offered to watch our dogs, Gucci and Ivy, saying she had the space and the time and would be a cheaper option.

"Suddenly the thought hit me. What if I can help pet owners connect with people

that love being around pets while at the same time feel like they're never missing a moment away from them?"

The Bahrain start-up called henlo is part of Flat6Labs Bahrain's fifth cycle and it is named after how Louay, its founder, and Dina, founder of a pole fitness studio, greet their pets when

they come home.

He said: "When we come back home from work and the dogs come charging towards us, we always greet them with the word 'henlo' which is our pet-lingo for 'hello'.

"One day, Dina greeted the dogs and I looked at her and it clicked."

There are two apps – one for carers called 'henlo Carer' and one for pet owners entitled 'henlo'.

According to Louay, they are both simple to use. "The pet owner signs up, adds the pet and selects the services he or she wants, whether it's dog walking or pet boarding," he explained.

"They instantly get connected to a nearby carer. All pet owners have the option to meet and greet their potential carer and that is just to make sure the pet owners are comfortable with who they are leaving their pets with."



Louay with Gucci

Anyone can sign up to be a carer as long as they are 18 years and above. But all carers have to be verified first before their services can be offered.

"Now, as a pet owner, I would be hesitant to leave my pet with just anyone, which is why all carers undergo a verification and background check," he added.

For a carer to join, they simply sign up and then will get the option to earn whenever they want by going online and offline as they wish.

They can choose which paid services they would like to provide whether it is dog walking, pet boarding, or both.

They can even choose to provide pet owners with instant updates throughout the service and finally, monitor and manage all their received payments through the app.

As for pet owners, they will be able to track their dog walks, get instant notifications and updates. And, at the end of the service, they can get a pet report that they can save and

share.

Once the service is complete, payments are all made through the app.

"It would be like you were there and never missed a moment away from your pet," he added.

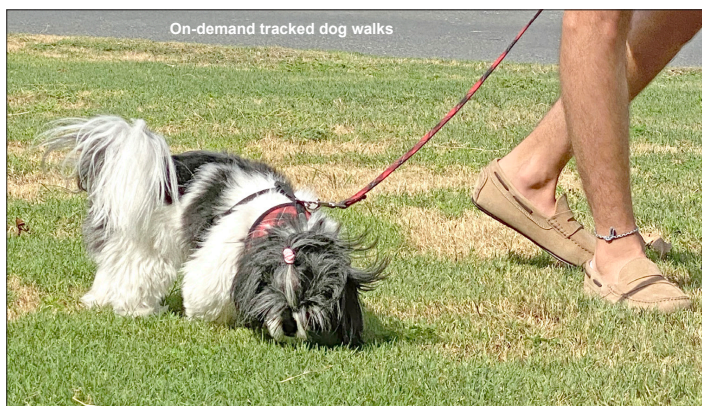
"We're looking to revolutionise the way pets are being taken care of when pet owners are busy or out-of-town, because we believe in unconditional love of pets and we make it possible for everyone to experience this love in their lives."

The app team includes Dina as the creative director, Louay's sister Sarah, as the branding manager and Raphael Regh as the full-stack developer.

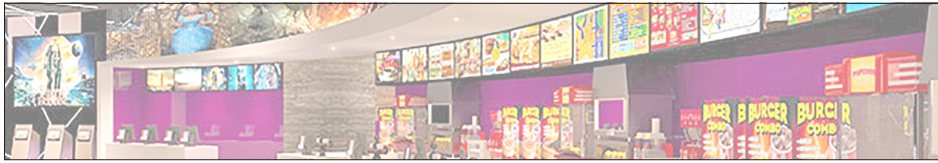
The services provided, on demand and scheduled, include tracked dog walking and also pet boarding for cats, dogs, birds, rabbits and even hamsters.

The apps are currently available on the Apple's app store and the team is working on getting the Android version launched as soon as possible.

For details, follow @gethenlo on Instagram.



On-demand tracked dog walks



Culture

Long-distance love

MUSICAL duo Doyoureallylikeit? comprised of Abdulla Mahmood and Deborah 'Debbi' Francisco have released a new single, encapsulating the trials and tribulations of relationships during the Covid-19 crisis.

The four-minute dreamy ditty called Long Distance, reimagines every connection as a long-distance relationship during the pandemic and was originally conceived during Abdulla's university years.

An accompanying music video infuses the sentiment with yet another 'virally' familiar feeling - the dissonant flux of a mercurial news anchor relentlessly announcing news updates.

Abdulla explained: "I've been in a number of long-distance relationships in my life.

"When the social distancing restrictions came into effect,

I saw a lot of parallels between then and now, as all our friends and family essentially went into 'long-distance' mode with the same hallmarks - missing hangouts, losing elements of touch and trying to replace it with digital communication.

"The way through is quite similar too. It may sound cheesy but sometimes life puts us in places and we have to find a way through things if a relationship is important to us."

Debbi, 22, an architecture student at Bahrain University added: "In the song, the lyric 'love forever, please don't surrender, we'll find a way', is my favourite line regardless of how cliché it sounds.

"Yes, the song takes a pessimistic view on long distance relationships, but this line sprinkles a bit of hope, which is beautiful.

"If you think they're worth all the effort and the trouble, then they're worth it."

The song has been mastered and mixed by Sean Fernandes. The duo now plans to focus on "indie rock, bedroom pop, psychedelic pop, lo-fi music, not the 'dad rock' type of music they call indie here," according to Debbi.

The accompanying video, made by Bader Al Taranja, features a volatile news anchor (Abdulla), aided by the weather

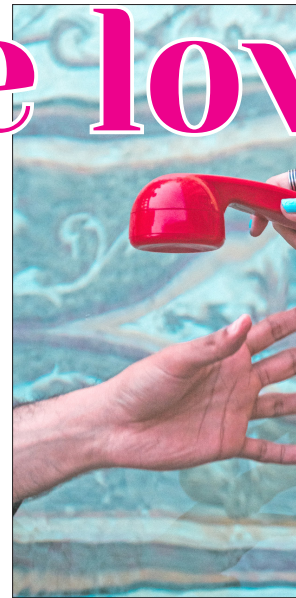
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BREAKING NEWS

Petitions are being signed to replace real life dates with zoom meetings

recent harvard study shows cats prefer being in long distance relationships **LIVE**



Abdulla and Debbi



Scan the QR Code to check out the song and music video!

person (Debbi) and an over-enthusiastic environmentalist Mr Man (Abdulla) inspired by late Egyptian comedian, Ismail Yassin.

"I relate to the anchor character," said Abdulla, 26, who graduated with a degree in Media and Communications from Nottingham Trent University.

"He is seen as the voice of reason in television but clearly isn't emotionally stable. He hides it as much as he can but it's his job to

just carry on, despite being visibly depressed by his job and his relationship.

"Even when he gets a phone call from his boss to stop this drama on live television, he makes the most of his final moments.

"The 'Mr. Man' reporter character is ironic and inspired by the legendary Ismail who made my stoic grandfather laugh.

"It's Mr. Man's first day on the job and he is bemused and depressed by the waste

being generated in the form of masks used during the pandemic."

The band's name is a challenge to their audience to re-examine what music they claim to appreciate, and is emblematic of the touch of comedic flair that the two aim to bring to every performance.

They were originally formed in 2017 at an open mic night with Abdulla on guitar, Debbi playing drums, Deema Turkomani singing and Gustavo Elias on bass.

The group has performed all over the kingdom, including the Bahrain Jazz Festival and Comic Con.

Since Deema and Gustavo departed, embarking on their own adventures, and the Covid-19 pandemic began, the dulcet duo have had to

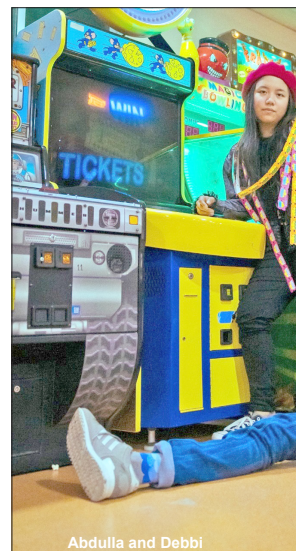
reinvent themselves and their music-making process.

Abdulla, who draws his musical inspiration from Jimi Hendrix, said: "(The pandemic) ruined our progression and affected our finances, transforming us from live musicians into studio musicians for now.

"It took away our energy and connection with the audience but optimistically, this break from performing live gave us a chance to work on originals which is the most important thing in a musician's career."

Now that they are back in the studio, the duo has been busy writing and plan to unveil a new voice in the near future.

Follow @doyoureallylikeitmusic on Instagram to learn more.



Abdulla and Debbi

Weekly



'MEDBOTS' FOR PATIENTS ON HORIZON

Bahrain will be welcoming its first large-scale medical robots at the futuristic King Hamad American Mission Hospital, due to open in 2022, writes Naman Arora. The American Mission Hospital (AMH) and Smart Skyline Contractors signed an agreement at AMH's Manama headquarters last week for the construction of the 100-bed multi-specialty hospital in A'ali.

AMH corporate chief executive Dr George Cheriyan said: "The BD25m hospital is a futuristic concept that will take us through the next 25 years. "This is why we have introduced new ideas like a hybrid system including medical robots and a helipad that we can rely on



From left, Smart Skyline Contractors chief executive Syed Afroz, Smart Skyline Contractors chief executive Saud Kanoo, Dr George Cheriyan and Aref Sadeq Design Consultants chief executive Yaser Sadeq, at the ceremony.

as road traffic increases. "The hospital will be full digitised and focus on providing medical intervention for people at home."

The facility will also

include a \$1m (around BD377,000) solar system and after its opening, AMH will employ a total of more than 1000 staff members. AMH has also signed a memorandum of

understanding (MoU) with the Royal College of Surgeons in Ireland – Bahrain (RCSI) to provide clinical teaching for medical and nursing students at the new hospital.

The enterprise is co-owned by the Reformed Church in America. It will be the fifth AMH facility, expanding its medical portfolio, which currently includes Amwaj, Manama, Saar and Riffa.

Expression of colours

FASHION lover Reem Ahmed Abdulla set about creating her own colourful collection of clothes ... after receiving compliments about her style and grace, writes Mai Al Khatib-Camille.

She started with designing her own outfits for Eid and received such rave reviews it motivated her to follow her fashion dreams and launch her own line.

The 22-year-old, who is currently majoring in business management and minoring in marketing at University of Bahrain, said: "Since I was a child I have always admired dressing up elegantly and styling myself like a model at a fashion show.

"Most of my designs are inspired by nature and anything beautiful that catches my eye, such as flowers and bright, cheerful colours.

"When I'm doodling, sometimes the pencil colours inspire me. New design ideas constantly pop up in my mind and I simply set about drawing and creating them in real life. The designs are created from my imagination."

Her @FashionByLeen Instagram account features dresses made by tailors in Bahrain using a range of fabrics including crepe, silk and cotton and is proving to be a social media sensation.

Her plans are to one day open her own boutique and create a following across the globe.

For details, follow @FashionByLeen on Instagram.



Designer Reem

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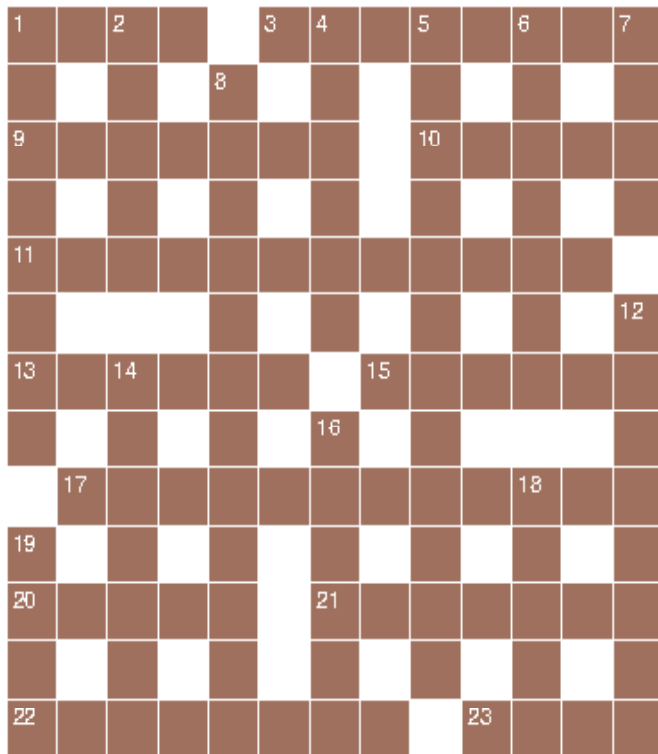
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3. Ridicule (8)
9. Inveterate (7)
10. Avoid (5)
11. Genuineness (12)
13. Vileness (6)
15. Fold (6)
17. Despicable (12)
20. Join (5)
21. Release (7)
22. Battle (8)
23. Leave out (4)

DOWN

1. Artisan (8)
2. Prop (5)
4. Stimulate (6)
5. Wrongly (12)
6. Sluggishness (7)
7. Memorandum (4)
8. Spasmodic (12)
12. Humble (8)
14. Fluent (7)
16. Criticise (6)
18. Flower (5)
19. Grass (4)

who, what, where, when

WHO ... was the other 'Wedding Crasher', along with Vince Vaughn?

WHAT ... were the first names of 'Lawrence of Arabia'?

WHERE ... in the human body is rhinitis the inflammation of?

WHEN ... was the original Ascot Gold Cup stolen?

WHO ... was Zola Budd alleged to have tripped up in the 1984 Summer Olympics?

WHAT ... sort of animals dispose of Verruca Salt in *Charlie And The Chocolate Factory*?

WHERE ... was the mail train's destination before the UK's Great Train Robbery?

WHEN ... was the Empire State Building completed?

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tough sudoku

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Last week's sudoku

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Last Week's Leisure Solutions

CROSSWORD BREAK:

Across: 6 Replica;
7 Shape; 9 Halve;
10 Comical;
12 Crestfallen;
14 Everlasting;
18 Wriggle; 19 Rally;
21 Agree; 22 Collect

Down: Delay;
2 Clever; 3 Act; 4 Shrink; 5 Speaker; 8 Confute;
11 Assault; 13 Average;
15 Rugged; 16 Nearly; 17 Place; 20 Foe.

JUST SO:

Scatterbrain; Self centred; The great unwashed; The three r's.

WHO, WHAT, WHERE, WHEN: Jessica Simpson; The sun; Boscastle; 1973; Germaine Greer; Opium poppy; France; 2001.

Tough Sudoku

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MotoringWeekly

The top motoring and motorsport news

An all-rounder

QUIETKAT, an all-electric mountain bike manufacturer, has partnered up with Jeep to provide a rugged performance machine that aims to help riders conquer all types of terrain.

The Jeep e-Bike is a full suspension electric mountain bike boasting a 26-inch x 4.8-inch fat-tire platform designed to easily tackle a variety of technical, off-road terrain including soft sand and snow, as well as hardpack trails and rocks.

The Fire-Link suspension system provides traction and capability while four piston hydraulic disc brakes allow for control on steep



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descents and hard-to-navigate landscape.

The 10-speed electronic bike comes standard with a BAFANG Ultra-Drive 750 Watt motor, packing a powerful 150 Watts at peak performance and is configurable as a Class 1 or 2 electric bicycle.

It weighs in at 79 pounds, more than double the weight of a normal competition downhill bike. A limited supply will be available from September.

QuietKat's bikes are environmentally-friendly as they are driven by powerful Lithium-ion batteries for green, non-polluting and silent operations.



Ferrari glory in Bahrain

FERRARI is synonymous with the history of F1 in Bahrain with Michael Schumacher leading the team to glory in the first-ever race at Sakhir on 04.04.04, writes Abu George.

The year 2004 was the final in the most successful period in Ferrari history in which the team won six consecutive constructors championships and Schumacher won 5 drivers championships.

Even the first turn in Bahrain is now named after him. His son and rising F2 star Mick Schumacher has also stood on top of the podium in the junior classes. Last Sunday, he was allowed to drive the record-breaking F2004 in which his father conquered all before him.

"This was always a dream for me to drive this car," Schumacher said. "I drove the car at Hockenheim last year but to drive it at Mugello in non-rainy conditions has been an absolute honour.

"Thank you to Ferrari for this opportunity."

It was also fitting that Sunday's Tuscan Grand Prix was the first of the season to be held with fans at the track with 2,800 spectators having been allowed into Mugello on each day of the grand prix. And, 800 of these were dedicated 'tifosi' superfans positioned at the exit of turn eight.

First and foremost Ferrari has been about racing – preferably at the pinnacle of the sport – and automotive second.

That is why they retain a legion of fans worldwide irrespective of success or failure. Even when loyal to another, they are the second favourite of most. Beyond that they are certainly respected above all other.

The passion evoked from the sound of a roaring engine, the smell of burning rubber, tears from disaster or triumph – to Enzo the Engineer, this was his life. This is and always will be – Ferrari.



Schumacher celebrating his victory in Bahrain

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By ABU GEORGE

AS Ferrari celebrated its 1,000th appearance in an F1 GP, rewarded for its longevity by a race at their home track of Mugello, there was something all too familiar about a Schumacher taking the lead in the championship.

Unfortunately for the team it was in F2 that Mick Schumacher benefited from a safety car deployment to elevate himself and his junior Ferrari team to the overall lead.

The weekend was, aside from the overall result, a marvellous celebration of Ferrari's history in F1, an iconic sporting team followed through good and bad times by countless motorsport fans.

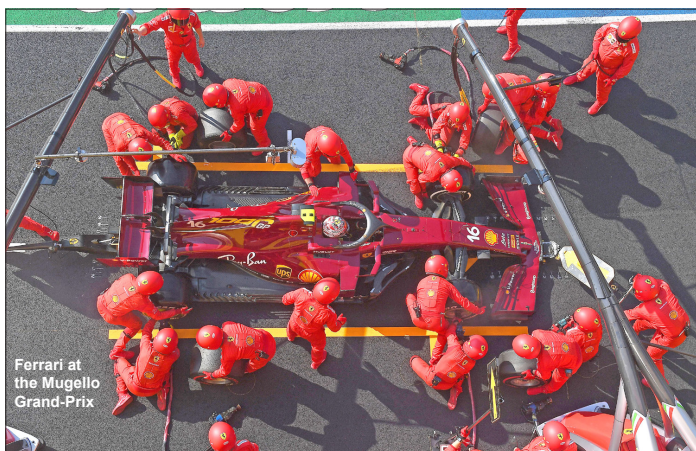
The flowing high-speed corners through the rolling Tuscany hillside epitomise the spirit of racing where physical endurance and concentration has made this a favourite for drivers already, relishing the challenge of testing their skills.

In a constant battle of ambition versus adhesion – gravel penalising any error – it was the volume of crashes and red flags that made the Tuscan GP as exciting as it was last Sunday.

George Russell, after practice, summed it all up with a tweet: "This. Track. Is. Mad. I love it!"

Having missed only 28 races in the history of F1 dating back to 1950 (including the first at Silverstone over an argument about expenses), Ferrari are the most successful team in history, compiling 238 wins, 228 poles, 772 podiums, 16 constructor's championships and 15 for their drivers.

Nine drivers have taken the title in 78 different models – the only year in which they failed to deliver to the top rung during one prolific



Ferrari at the Mugello Grand-Prix

period was in 2008 when Massa and Raikkonen missed out to the McLaren of Lewis Hamilton.

And, here he was again in 2020 delivering the race win, pole position and fastest lap. At least the Mercedes safety car was painted in Ferrari-red!

Arriving last weekend in a miserable sixth place in the championship is not how Ferrari would have chosen to celebrate, although they have experienced such depths before.

Most notably this was in the 1980s when Villeneuve and Scheckter were nearer the back of the grid than

the front. Yet even then the drivers – much like LeClerc now and Alonso before – enhanced their personal reputations to keep hopes alive.

The track, adorned throughout with the tricolore, pre-dates the team, evolving from the Cicuito Stradale in 1914 and then held its first classified race in 1920 before evolving into the track we now know in 1974.

Enzo Ferrari, or Enzo l'Ingegnere (Enzo the Engineer) as he was (and is) affectionately known, had run Alfa Romeo's racing team but started his own team in 1947 with the

involved throughout with the team.

Ferrari have won championships all around the world, including Le Mans, Daytona and Bathurst in addition to the road courses of Mille Miglia and the Carrera Panamerica. However, F1 has always been their heartbeat.

The next-generation Tipo500 took Ferrari on a championship-winning ride in 1952 and 1953 with Ascari during which he won seven consecutive races, a record that stood until 2013.

Enzo named an engine after his son, Dino, that took Mike Hawthorn to the title in 1958. When Nikki Lauda first stepped into a Ferrari he described it as a "piece of sh#*!" yet stuck with the team and secured two titles in 1975 and 1977 after recovering from horrific burns in a racing crash in 1976 in which he was trapped in the car.

The names of drivers (not listing them all) that has won for them is a 'who's who' of stars. Ascari, Fangio, Surtees, Lauda, Schumacher and their most recent winner, Kimi Raikkonen. Many of these were celebrated on the helmets of current drivers LeClerc and Vettel last weekend, along with their iconic machines.

Nothing speaks to F1 like a driver rivalry. One of the greatest saw Senna and Prost frequently coming together. One of the most controversial saw Senna deliberately ram Prost in 1990 although it had little to do with a desire to see the prancing horse leap over the barrier – it had more to do with the controversy from the previous year when they were supposedly teammates at McLaren!

In 2005 Schumacher almost took out Barichello in the US GP despite there being only six cars racing as a result of a protest over the track layout. Of course, Schumacher had history of driving into his opponents, particularly if the championship depended on it, as witnessed first hand by Damon Hill in 1994 and Jacques Villeneuve in 1997.

Back in what many consider to be the golden era of F1, 1979 saw some of the most epic racing ever witnessed at the French GP in Dijon. Gilles Villeneuve in the Ferrari and Rene Arnoux in his native Renault swapped positions on multiple occasions, wheels and bodywork frequently touching as they passed each other, only for the Frenchman to prevail – to claim second!

For the Bahrain chapter in Ferrari's F1 history, turn to Page 7.



Mick Schumacher



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